

Please--I beg of you--do not pass any proposal that would interfere with Indiana's Do Not Call list! This list has been a godsend, both to myself and to other family members and friends who are also on the list. Before Indiana implemented the DNC list, my family alone received no less than 5 telemarketing calls a *day*. It seemed as though every shower we took, every meal we ate, and every attempt we made at a good nights sleep were all interrupted by someone trying to sell us something. Telling them that "We are not interested, and please take us off your list." did no good at all. The calls became so frequent and annoying that we had to purchase Caller ID so that we could screen our calls. Although this helped, we still had to answer calls that came up as "Unavailable" in case it was a family member calling, or calls that came when we were too far from one of the ID units to tell who was calling. Most of the time, it was still a telemarketer! We even considered changing our phone number of 20 years just to make the calls stop.

When Indiana implemented the DNC list, it was a blessing. Our telemarketing calls have dropped from a minimum of 5 a day to only 3 or 4 calls a week! We can finally eat dinner in peace, and I have slept soundly ever since the list went into effect. I fear that passing any proposal that lessens the restrictions for telemarketers will start the constant barrage of calls again.

Please--don't "fix" something that isn't broken!